

**ABSOLUTE RATING:**      **Excellent**  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:**      **Good**

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 17. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from good to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from below average to excellent.

*(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)*

#### RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
<b>2001</b>	Excellent	Good
<b>2002</b>		
<b>2003</b>		
<b>2004</b>		

#### TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	80.3	86.9	85.2	77.2	78.8	78.6
• Passed 2 subtests	11.5	5.9	10.5	13.7	12.6	12.7
• Passed 1 subtest	6.0	5.0	2.9	5.9	6.1	5.9
• Passed no subtests	2.2	2.3	1.4	3.2	2.6	2.8

<b>ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	50.0%	34.8%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	53.4%	36.7%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	62.8%	62.7%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

#### PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
<b>All students</b>	95.6%	50.0%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	83.3%	20.0%	
Students without disabilities	96.0%	51.0%	
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	92.9%	39.7%	
Female	97.8%	58.8%	
<b>Ethnic Group</b>			
African American	88.9%	7.1%	
Hispanic	75.0%	100.0%	
White	96.7%	52.7%	
Other	100.0%	100.0%	
<b>Lunch Status</b>			
Free/reduced-price lunch	92.3%	27.3%	
Pay for lunch	95.7%	51.8%	

#### STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	58.8%
Completers placed	100.0%
Eligible students enrolled	47.8%

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,121	N/A	\$4,951	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	89.4%	Down from 90.4%	91.1%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	26.8 to 1	N/A	26.5 to 1	25.1 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=943)</b>				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	87.9%	N/A	70.2%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	95.0%	Down from 95.4%	95.7%	95.3%
• Retention rate	6.0%	Up from 5.1%	6.7%	10.0%
<b>TEACHERS (n=56)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	6.8 Days	Up from 6.5	7.8 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	95.4%	Down from 95.8%	95.8%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	75.0%	Up from 73.6%	58.9%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	92.9%	Down from 96.2%	83.6%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	5.4%	Up from 3.8%	2.3%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	92.3%	Down from 93.6%	88.4%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$41,575	Up 3.2%	\$40,219	\$38,125

#### SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dropout rate	1.8%	Up from 0.5%	1.8%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	57.0%	N/A	56.9%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	8.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	11.7%	N/A	57.4%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• Older than usual for grade	4.1%	Up from 3.7%	4.8%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	24	N/A	20	29
• Gifted and talented	11.8%	Down from 15.1%	15.0%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	6.8%	Up from 4.6%	7.8%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	N/A	2.8%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	451	N/A	532	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	12.3%	N/A	34.4%	23.1%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

D. W. Daniel High School (DWD) serves 3 diverse communities – Six Mile (primarily agrarian); Central (primarily textiles); and Clemson (a university community). DWD has approximately 950 students enrolled in grades 9-12, 82.7 percent are Caucasian, 12.7 percent African-American, 2.5 percent Asian-Pacific, and 2.1 percent Hispanic. All professional instructional staff has done graduate work with 76% holding a master degree or above.

DWD provides a safe, caring, community-supported environment in which students are prepared to become well-rounded, responsible citizens through a broad range of educational and cultural opportunities. There is a "Tradition of Excellence" at DWD.

-DWD is a recognized leader in student achievement.

-DWD was named as 1 of 3 finalists in the 2001 Carolina First Palmetto's Finest competition.

-In 2001, 4 teachers earned National Board certification.

-Students competed successfully in the Academic Olympics, Piedmont Quiz Bowl, Biology Merit Exam, numerous Math Team events, numerous writing competitions, Odyssey of the Mind, Mock Trial, Youth-in-Government, and foreign language declamation contests as well as taking part in national testing in chemistry and foreign languages.

-The jazz band earned the title of "Best Jazz Band in S.C."

-The marching band finished 6th in the state championships.

-Fine arts students earned all region and all state recognitions.

-AFJROTC earned the "Outstanding Unit Award" from the USAF.

-Athletic teams won 5 region championships plus 2 state runner-up titles. The girls' cross-country team won the state championship for the 2nd straight year.

-Many athletes were recognized on all region, all state, and all star teams.

-Student organizations such as Student Council, Beta Club, FCA, Interact, and Adopt-a-Cub provided service to the school and the community.

-The Class of 2001 with 147 graduates earned \$3.85 million in scholarships.

DWD has strong support from parents and the communities. This is evidenced by the existence of 5 booster organizations (academics, AFJROTC, athletics, band, chorus) and an active School Improvement Council. In 2001 DWD parents initiated a campus beautification project called LIONscaping that is endorsed by all booster clubs.

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	88.6	57.2	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	63.6	66.7	
Satisfied with home-school relations	86.4	78.0	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

D W Daniel High  
1819 Six Mile Highway  
Central, SC 29630

**Grades** 9-12 High School

**Enrollment:** 943 Students

### Principal

Mr. Earl Gilstrap 864-624-4430

### Superintendent

Dr. Mendel Stewart 864-855-8150

### Board Chair

Mr. Ernie Fortner 864-859-2336

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

**2001**

School Grade:  
Excellent



### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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